MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

"We are gathered here to pay tribute to our deceased veterans of the past wars", voiced Joseph Judickas—and indeed a glorious tribute was that day bestowed to the fallen victims of war. The throngs gathered at St. Casimir's and Lithuanian National Cemeteries were very impressed with the program so ably conducted by the Darius-Girenas Post membership.

Speakers on the program were Commander Frank Zelis, Chairman Joseph Judickas, Chaplain Joseph Kibort, and Judge John T. Zuris. The theme of each speech was the importance and meaning of Memorial Day. A wreath was placed at each Darius-Girenas monument by Mrs. Marion Sebastian. The Drum and Bugle Corps played a few numbers, followed by a salute from the firing squad and the sounding of taps concluded the brief ceremony.

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Legion Post Honors Two Lith Fliers

Darius-Girenas Post 271, American Legion, will hold its 16th annual commemoration of the death of the two Lithuanian aviators for which it is named, Capt. Stephen Darius and Lt. Stanley Girenas, Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Darius-Girenas monument, 67th and S. California, in Marquette park.

The memorial program will begin with a parade featuring the national champion S.A.L. drum and bugle corps of Logan Square Post 405, which will assemble at 69th and Western.

MRS. STEPHEN BIEZIS, 3241 W. 66th pl., a gold-star mother and president of the Darius-Girenas Service Mothers' club, has been asked to sing the Star Spangled Banner, and Lithuanian Consul Dr. Peter Dauzvardis, 6719 S. Rockwell, will address the gathering in Lithuanian.

Mrs. Dauzvardis will represent the Chicago chapter of the Lithuanian Red Cross division at the ceremony.

AMONG THE DIGNITARIES who are expected to attend are Mayor Martin H. Kennelly; Judge John T. Zuris; Anthony A. Olis, Sanitary district trustee; Edward Vyzral, alderman of the 15th ward, and A. L. Brodie, Cook county coroner.

Legion officials who will take part in the affair are James P. Ringley, past department commander; Patrick O'Donnell, senior vice-commander, Cook county council; Harold Cleland, 6628 S. Richmond, 4th district commander, and members of the 40 and 8 and their locomotive and box car, and the Illinois Air National guard.

TWO SQUADRONS, comprised of 20 planes, of the 66th Fighter Wing, Air National Guard, based at the Municipal airport, will fly over the Darius-Girenas monument during the ceremonies.

Arrangements for the annual program have been in charge of chairman Anthony H. Kasper, past commander of Darius-Girenas post.

Captain Darius and Lieutenant Girenas, in whose memory the wing-like granite monument in Marquette park was erected, were killed in 1933 when they attempted a non-stop flight from New York to Kaunas, capital city of Lithuania, and crashed in Soldin woods, Germany, 400 miles from their goal.

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